

Fine Arts Building at West High Approved

School Board Approves Plans For Classrooms

Plans for a Fine Arts building at West High School were approved Monday night at a meeting of the Torrance Board of Education.

Preliminary plans for the facility were approved by the board last February. However, action on working drawings was tabled at the July 3 meeting until the board could see the overall building program and determine the implication of increased costs of the program.

Instrumental and choral music, art and handicraft classrooms will be located in the building, freeing other standard classrooms currently used for these classes, it was reported.

ALTHOUGH the original list of projected needs called for a music building at an estimated cost of only \$100,000, the estimated cost of the Fine Arts complex is \$433,782.

The building, including the two music rooms, four art rooms, and all accessory areas totals about 18,924 square feet.

Board Member William J. Hanson noted that the area given, when figured with the total cost of the structure, sets the price per square foot at about \$22.70. All board members said they felt the cost was high, but Dr. Walter Buettgenbach, director of educational facilities, said the cost is closer to \$17 or \$18 per square foot when site work and utility costs are deducted.

Projected enrollment at West High is about 3,200 and the Fine Arts facility is being built to handle that number of students to prevent alterations at some later date.

The specialized classrooms will be used for other classes until West High moves into the new facility, Dr. Buettgenbach said.

THE BOARD voted to approve all but four requests for new employes for the new school year and agreed to re-examine each of the four requests at a meeting July 24.

New positions tabled for additional study include those of curriculum consultant (\$15,000), curriculum assistant (\$13,000), three maintenance men (\$19,330 total), and three groundsmen (\$16,300 total).

Mrs. Polly Watts suggested that a review of the four requests be made at the July 24 meeting, but that the rest be approved so that the district may begin recruiting personnel to fill the positions in the fall.

Positions approved include a doctor, three counselors for the educationally handicapped, a speech teacher, two psychologists, a special education teacher, a foreign language teacher, four elementary music teachers, three attendants for the educationally handicapped, a clerk-typist, and a credential technician.

Clarinet, Saxophone Missing

Musical instruments, valued at \$847, were taken Thursday night by a burglar from an auto trunk using a key to gain entrance in an apartment building garage at 4111 W. 239th St.

Reported Monday, police are seeking a thief who stole a \$400 silver saxophone, a \$380 clarinet and assorted accessories from Lawrence Ferguson, 33, who uses the instruments as a member of a Shrine Band.

"Those mean an awful lot to him," Ferguson's wife Shirley said.

SHE SAID that he has had the instruments ever since he was a child and used them professionally in the past.

Mrs. Ferguson also reported that another vehicle in the garage had been burglarized in the same manner with the use of a key.

She said that she and her husband had just moved into the area and was "disappointed at the welcome they have received." Replacement, she commented, would be difficult because the instruments were not insured.

Salute to Lions Club Approved

A scroll has been ordered for presentation to the West Torrance Lions Club for its sponsorship of the annual South Bay High School All-Star Football Game.

The honor was approved on the motion of Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Chace lauded the club for its efforts in staging the annual midsummer contest.

"Besides taking on the responsibility of providing a contest for the top school athletes, the club turns over the proceeds to charity," Chace said. Game proceeds go to the Southwest Association for Retarded Children.

This year's third renewal of the annual game is scheduled Aug. 10 at El Camino College. The game pits the best 40 seniors in the South Bay against each other in an East-West rivalry.

Photos Displayed

An exhibit of rare photographs of the Old Chinatown section in Los Angeles will continue through Oct. 1 at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, Exposition Park. Photographs cover the years 1870 to 1930.



School Aid Bills Passed by Senate

Capitol News Service
SACRAMENTO—The state senate has given speedy and overwhelming approval of a

package of bills by Senator George Miller Jr., D-Martinez, aimed at upgrading education in California and increasing the state's support for it by nearly \$120 million.

Significantly, the provisions of the Miller bills were amended into the major education finance bill from the assembly, AB272 by Assembly Speaker Jesse M. Unruh, D-Inglewood. It's expected a conference committee from the two houses will have to be appointed to work out a final compromise bill.

Also significantly, Miller's package of increased state support of about \$120 million, is just about the amount of money Governor Ronald Reagan wants to make available for higher school support. As a result, Reagan is supporting the Miller bills.

THE BILLS, SB456 and SB999, are designed to expand the children's centers program, make kindergarten available to all children, let the state to pick up the entire cost of basic reading programs, beef up new math teaching, and increase state support of schools in general.

SB456 would replace the present plan of a 50-50 split of costs for basic reading programs with full state payments, at a cost of some \$4 million.

"Of the \$8.9 million made available in 1965 under the 50-50 split, only \$1.6 million was used," Miller said. "This was because the school districts used their funds to match federal programs which offered up to 90 per cent."

"THIS BILL helps every little kid, whether he's disadvantaged or lives in Piedmont," he said. "No group has a corner on learning to read and a kid has only one chance — he either makes it or he doesn't."

SB457 changes eligibility requirements for children's centers, which provide day care for children of low income families. It increases the maximum income for such families to qualify for the program from \$363 per month to \$463. Total state cost will be \$5,133,198.

SB458 generally increases the state's dollar aid to schools by about \$9 per student, at a cost of \$37 million a year. It increases the state support for teachers' salaries by \$14 million, and adds \$10 million to provide smaller class sizes in the early grades.

THE BILL also provides \$15 million for special classes for students and adds \$1,750,000 for classes for gifted children. It increases the

THE FINAL Miller bill, SB999, would authorize pilot programs to find new ways to teach the new mathematics. It would cost \$250,000 in the first year. The pilot plans from grades 1 through 8 would center around new teaching methods for mathematics but, for the higher grades, would involve giving the students all the math they could handle.

"What we have been doing in the past has been 99 per cent hogwash," Miller said, "and just hollering 'new math' is not going to solve that."

Baseball Tickets Available

Reservations for a Torrance Chamber of Commerce baseball trip being planned for Friday are still being accepted at the Chamber office, 1510 Craven Ave.

Tickets, priced at \$5.50 per person, include transportation to Anaheim Stadium, reserved seats, and refreshments enroute to the stadium, according to William Melville, chairman.

The game is between the Los Angeles Angels and the Minnesota Twins.



TAPING A MESSAGE... Mrs. Roy Heath (seated) of Wilmington, gets some help from Mrs. Ronald Wakefield, a Red Cross volunteer from Torrance, as she prepares to tape record a message to her grandson who is in Vietnam. The free "Voices from Home" service is being provided at the San Pedro Red Cross Service Center. (Press-Herald Photo)

Servicemen Hear Voices of Family

Servicemen are receiving tape recorded messages from home through a year-round service being sponsored by the Red Cross, Mrs. H. E. Searles, Southern District Red Cross chairman of volunteers.

Mrs. Searles said the Red Cross began the "Voices from Home" program last October and has found the response from families of servicemen very great and enthusiastic.

Under the program, a 7½ minute tape and a family snapshot are mailed to servicemen stationed overseas or to those recuperating in hospitals throughout the nation and overseas.

Parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, wives, and children, as well as other close relatives of servicemen, are eligible for the program. Tapes made in recent weeks at the Red Cross Service Center at First Street and Western Avenue, San Pedro, have been mailed to servicemen in Alaska, Vietnam, and Europe.

Servicemen are able to respond and the process can be repeated as often during the year as families would like, Mrs. Searles said.

An appointment to record a message in private may be made by calling the San Pedro center. Taping is done on Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment.

Returning Monday, Barbara Rudolph, 35, of 3916 W. 170th St., found \$125 in cash missing along with a \$400 diamond watch she had in her bedroom. Also taken was a 50-year-old blue steel revolver and holster.

Investigators reported that the burglar had entered through a louvered window and replaced the window after leaving while the victim was on vacation from July 3 to July 17.

Inside the home, police found burned matches and candle wax which, they said, meant the burglary occurred at night. The hungry burglar also left sunflower seeds through the house as evidence of his visit. Fingerprints were also found at the point of entry.

Damage in the yard was also evident, police said. Dirt, flower pots, and an electric motor were found in a swimming pool when she returned Monday.

ANN LANDERS



Time to Face Facts

Dear Ann Landers: My dad and mother had been married 40 years when Mother died. A year later Dad married a very sweet, grandmotherly woman 15 years his junior. Doris was a good wife to him and they were happy. Six years later Dad died and left everything to Doris. This was fine with me as I was very fond of Doris and she treated me just like she treated her own children.

A few weeks ago Doris died. I almost went into a state of shock when I learned that Doris had left everything to her own grandchildren. This included the money she received when she sold my dad's business, the home my dad and mother lived in for many years, all the furnishings, her jewelry, and the life insurance she received when Dad died.

My children needed that inheritance and we were counting on it. I am so bitter I don't think I will ever get over this. It kills me to learn that Dad thought so little of us that he would allow such a thing to happen. Please help me get some peace of mind. — WORLD DESTROYED.

Dear Destroyed: I suspect most of your anxiety stems from the notion that your father "thought so little of you, etc." — but chances are that he did not think at all. He probably expected to live longer and write a will "some day." This is, of course, unrealistic. The results of such poor thinking can be disastrous. I hope your letter will be a reminder to others who are procrastinating for reasons of superstition or just plain reluctance to face the fact that they will not live forever.

Dear Ann Landers: Add me to the endless list of people who never thought they would be writing to you. I just had to respond to the man who signed his letter, "No Bargain Myself."

He is right when he says it is hell to live with an emotionally disturbed person. I know because my husband was a severe alcoholic. I tried for years to fight his battle. I lied for him when I should have been encouraging him to help himself. Finally, I cracked under the strain.

This is a rough and demanding world and while many people are making it, everyone, no matter how strong, has a breaking point. To be emotionally healthy is the greatest of all blessings. Now that I have seen the other side of the Great Divide I truly appreciate what it means. I am trying to help others who are less fortunate than I and at the same time I am fighting for my own survival every moment of every day. — NO ONE WOULD GUESS IT.

Dear N.O.W.: This world is loaded with people who are quietly fighting for survival. I am filled with admiration for these struggling heroes and heroines for whom there are no medals — only scars.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 19-year-old blabbermouth who simply can't stop talking. I rattle on and on about inconsequential things and I'm sure I bore all my friends to death. To tell you the truth, I bore myself.

It seems that whenever there is a lapse in a conversation, even when there are nine people present, I feel it is my duty to break the silence. I blurt out absurd statements just because I think I must say something.

At the end of an evening I am disgusted with myself. What is wrong with me? What can I do to correct this? — YA TA TA TA.

Dear Ya: You are a compulsive talker and, like most compulsive talkers, you are trying to cover up your feeling of inadequacy. You need counseling. In the meantime, try to keep your mouth shut (by using sheer WILL power) unless you can improve on the silence.

What is French kissing? Is it wrong? Who should set the necking limits—the boy or the girl? Can a shotgun wedding succeed? Read Ann Landers' books, "Ten-Step Sex-Ton Ways to Cool It," "Send 'em to Bed" and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the Press-Herald enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Three men accused of burglarizing the Newton Medical Center July 9 pleaded guilty to burglary in the second degree before Municipal Judge Otto Willett Monday during a preliminary hearing.

Final sentencing will be held Aug. 7 for Jerry Zankich, 21, of 1541 W. 10th St., San Pedro; Albert Rally, 26, stationed at Fort MacArthur Army camp; and Peter Brusick, 19, of 729 W. 24th St., San Pedro in Southwest Superior Court Div. A.

All three waived trial while another count of burglary was dropped by the district attorney. Counselors for the defendants requested a proba-

tion report on the men before the sentencing.

The trio was apprehended by Torrance police early July 9 near the Newton Medical Center. Police reported that the men were burglarizing two offices in the complex of medical supplies and pills. Several hundred pills from the location were reportedly found in the suspects' auto.

During Monday's proceedings, Brusick was released to the custody of his parents by Judge Willett. Rally remained the only defendant in custody after Judge Willett maintained bail at \$2,500 for the defendant, Zankich post-bailed early last week.

COUNT MARCO

The Count Heads for the Hills

It's that time of year and I'm going to the hills — the Seven Hills of Rome. From there I will keep you posted on the newest in fashion trends, home furnishings, fabrics, jewelry, cosmetic developments and bargains.

Too, rumors are flying from abroad that Italian women want divorces and are loudly opening their mouths to repeal the long-standing laws prohibiting divorce. The law schools I understand, are already overcrowded with students looking to a lucrative future in the expected battles for alimony and child support.

I will also have some surprises in store for you. In co-operation with the Italian

Commercial Attache and the Italian Institute for Foreign Trade, I shall search out any beauty aids, fashion accessories, or household items I think worthy of your consideration.

For example, though French perfumes are the most popular in the American market, did you know that Italy supplies almost all of the fragrant oils to the French that make up their perfumes? Surely somewhere in Italy I shall find a perfume superior enough to command your respect.

I would like to see a return to fashion of the colorful Italian scarf and the handkerchief. Italian gloves, of course, are a perennial favorite.

There are cautions also about buying Made in Italy products which I should bring to your attention. For example, when buying a knit, you should know before purchasing whether the outfit was manufactured expressly for export, i.e., for the American figure, which is considerably different from the Italian woman's, or whether you are being sold a "close out," which is all wrong for you not only in size but is also inferior in style.

Even feet in Europe are differently shaped, probably because Europeans walk much more than Americans. Consequently, the "last" may be the last thing in the world for you. I will go into complete details in later columns.



WHAT'S A GIANT?... Tom Gasparatte (left), queries Russ Fast in a scene from the Theater for Children production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" which comes to the El Camino College Campus Theater Friday and Saturday. Performances of the Pasadena Playhouse production will be given Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1 and 3 p.m.